

to sell quality products at reasonable prices. Indeed, over the years, the business has expanded in size, installed an elevator, and opened a package shipping operation in the 1980s. In the 1960s, Towle's joined American Hardware, one of the Nation's earlier co-operative hardware companies, and to this day it remains a member of True Value, with which American Hardware later merged. In 2008, Towle's Hardware moved into a new 6,000-square-foot location just a few yards from the old location. That same year the family also opened the Towle's Corner Store to serve the community in even more ways.

This week, Towle's is holding a week-long celebration of the company's centennial. Events include free product giveaways, raffles for Towle's gift certificates and other prizes, and a recognition ceremony for the company, which includes the presentation of a special plaque to Towle's in honor of its centennial by officials from the town of Dixfield and True Value.

Small businesses like Towle's Hardware are the heart and soul of our Nation's communities. Main Streets across America are chock full of restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping boutiques which provide citizens with the goods and wares they need. Towle's Hardware and Lumber is a prime example of a small business that has persevered through turbulent economic times—from the Great Depression to the most recent recession—time and time again. I congratulate everyone at Towle's for their major milestone and wish them many more years of accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1991. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Management Measures"

(RIN0648-BA54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1992. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Greater Amberjack Management Measures" (RIN0648-BA48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1993. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XA403) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1994. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA442) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1995. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-XA195) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1996. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Training Operations Conducted Within the Gulf of Mexico Range Complex" (RIN0648-XA86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1997. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2011 Management Measures" (RIN0648-XA184) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1998. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model AB412 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0452)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1999. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex Fishery; Framework Adjustment 1" (RIN0648-BA91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2000. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures" ((RIN0648-BA01) (RIN0648-BA95)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2001. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures" (RIN0648-BA01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 6, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2002. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards No. 218; Motorcycle Helmets Upgrade" (RIN2127-AK15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 25, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2003. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-300C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-1098)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2004. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Model HP.137 Jetstream Mk.1, Jetstream Series 200, Jetstream Series 3101, and Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0230)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2005. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS350B, B1, B2, B3, BA, and EC130 B4 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1228)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 2, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2006. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives;